

## Bulgarian cabinet and premier resign

Associated Press

ODFIA, Bulgaria — Premier Atanasov, a holdover from era of disgraced leader Todorov, resigned along with his 22-member Communist-controlled Cabinet, Bulgarian state radio said late Thursday.

His resignation was the first by a government since 1947, when the Communist Party consolidated power postwar Bulgaria, according to the news agency BTA.

The government has been under pressure to resolve Bulgaria's labor strife and other economic ills. Their departure clears the way for formation of an interim government to Bulgaria until elections this year. Communists have proposed such government to share power with the opposition.

The state news agency said the resignations became known Thursday night during an emergency, closed-door Communist Party congress. The government will continue to serve until parliament accepts its resignation, agency said. No date was given.

The motive adduced for the resignation is the necessity to form a cabinet.

## Legislature calm

Much work is yet to be done, though

TRENTON K. RICKS  
Senior Reporter

If you're talking about how much is left in the 1990 General Session of Utah's legislature, it's all downhill from here — the session is over. But if you're talking about how much work is left, it's still an uphill battle — the major issues have to be tackled.

After the fireworks of the first week, the legislature has settled down to the work of committees and going on fairly non-controversial bills. There has been an occasional bombshell and one bomb threat, but mostly the business has been quiet.

Sen. Karl G. Swan, D-Tooele, said lack of heated debate and controversy early in the session is natural, something done purposely by lawmakers.

"More controversial bills get held naturally because they have a higher row to hoe," Swan said. "Many of these bills run into problems in committee and the bill's sponsor will ask for time to get the opposing sides together."

Although this has kept many of the major issues in committee for the session's first three weeks, not everything has been quiet on Utah's Capitol hill.

The Senate passed a highly debated abortion bill that is now waiting for House action. Education, the environment, abortion and capital punishment have all caused short, but intense flashes of debate.

These issues, however, have not been given final solutions, and those solutions promise to be difficult to arrive at. In the meantime, the major issues loom over the last 20 days of the session.

Swan said the lack of debate on the major issues does not indicate they are being skirted. "All these issues are currently in the appropriations process," he said. "You'll see reports and recommendations from the committees beginning this week."

Education has remained on top of the agenda throughout the session

net on a broad national basis," BTA said.

Atanasov's departure was earlier reported by an official source, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Delegates to the party congress remained in session and were expected to continue meeting into Friday.

On Thursday, they approved moderate reforms before starting the secret session to elect the party leadership.

Also, a reform faction of the Communist Party decided it would split off and form a new Socialist Party, a spokesman said.

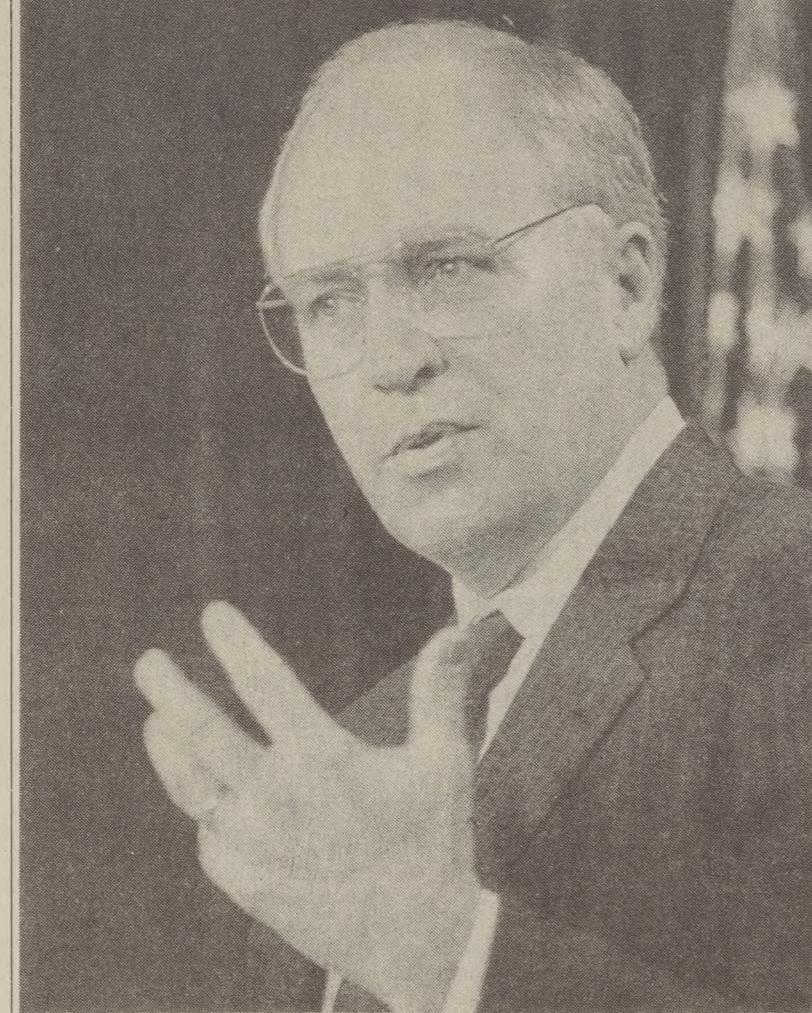
Atanasov, the No. 2 man in the government after President Petar Mladenov, had come under fire for failing to curb unprecedented labor unrest.

His resignation was widely expected because of several personal attacks on him during an emergency Communist Party conference currently under way.

At the congress Thursday, delegates adopted a new party platform that confirmed the relinquishment of the Communists' monopoly on power, as approved by Parliament last month.

## Cheney advises caution in cuts

Associated Press



AP photo  
Secretary Dick Cheney talks to reporters during a news conference at the Pentagon Thursday. Cheney said "caution is still in order" in considering relaxing U.S. defenses in Europe.

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Bush, in his State of the Union speech Wednesday, proposed reducing U.S. and Soviet combat forces in Europe to no more than 225,000 for each side — a drop of 50,000 from the previous U.S. proposal at East-West troop reduction talks now under way in Vienna.

Bush said that with "communism crumbling" in Eastern Europe, the time had come to swiftly conclude agreements limiting conventional, strategic and chemical weapons.

In testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee, Cheney said "caution is still in order" in considering relaxing U.S. defenses, even though Moscow is reducing its military spending and is unlikely to initiate an attack on NATO territory.

Even if all Soviet troops leave Eastern Europe, Moscow would retain its geographic advantage in the event of a European crisis, Cheney said.

Sen. John Warner of Virginia, the ranking Republican on the committee, sought and received an assurance from Cheney that the adminis-

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"If the cutting of troops would have been an advantage for Mr. Gorbachev, then Mr. Gorbachev would probably have announced them earlier himself, thereby getting both the advantage, the pressuring of the United States to do it and whatever international political benefits that come in that direction," Sununu said. "So that was not part of the consideration."

While acknowledging dramatic changes in the political landscape of Eastern Europe, Cheney said the Soviets are continuing to modernize their strategic nuclear arsenal and will be more capable in the 1990s to adapt new technologies to weapons systems.

Cheney said the Pentagon would present to Congress within a few months a revamped five-year plan for troop levels, deployments, weapons requirements and other strategic issues.

## Ex-state official accused of child porn

Associated Press

SALT LAKE CITY — FBI agents raided the home of a former state corrections official, searching for child pornography he allegedly used to get others to "enjoy group sex," according to federal court documents.

Special Agent James T. Screen, assigned to child pornography investigations, confirmed that the search warrant was executed Wednesday night at the suburban Salt Lake apartment of Scott McAlister, former inspector general for the Utah Department of Corrections.

Neither Screen nor U.S. Attorney Dee Benson would disclose what if anything was found.

"We have not arrested Mr. McAlister. We have not filed any charges against Mr. McAlister," Screen said Thursday.

He declined to elaborate.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Richard Lambert, while he would not discuss specifics of what authorities found during the search of McAlister's residence, did indicate evidence involved Oregon cases. "It should be a big story up there. After all, it was Oregon evidence they found down here," Lambert said.

Documents indicate FBI agents considered the allegations very serious as they met with informants Wednesday, then issued the search warrant and executed it that evening.

Screen's affidavit said that last June the informant, a woman, received a box from McAlister containing 30 8mm films. "He asked for her to participate in group sex and told her these films would help her to enjoy group sex," the affidavit said. It also said the films portrayed "children appearing to be 7 to 13 years of age."

Benson said that federal statutes prohibit transportation and distribution of pornography involving children.

The informant told Screen that "he (McAlister) told her he brought these tapes into Utah from Oregon in early June of 1989," the affidavit said.

McAlister resigned as inspector general last month, after less than one year at the post.

## Traffic accidents rise with falling of snow

By MARC NEAL  
University Staff Writer

As the snow fell and insurance rates climbed, Provo and Orem reported a total of 45 traffic accidents during Thursday's snowstorm.

Jim Utley, division commander of the Utah Highway Patrol, offered several safe driving tips.

"The most important thing to remember is that the posted speed limits are for dry roads, and in bad weather, people must drive according to visibility," Utley said.

People must think ahead in their execution of lane changes and stops, Utley said.

When driving behind another car, people should leave more space be-

tween cars to avoid panic stops, Utley said.

"If a sudden stop is necessary, try steering around the obstacle before attempting to brake," he said. "If you must stop, tap the brakes lightly."

If the car begins to skid, people should also remember to turn the wheels into the skid.

With the increasing snowfall, drivers should plan on going slower and taking more time to reach their destinations.

John Werner, data collection officer for the Soil Conservation Service, said Wednesday's overnight snowfall reported at the Payson Ranger Station was between three and four inches.

## Iran-Contra documents: secrets are in the bag

By DAVID J. HIGGINBOTHAM  
University Staff Writer

"I have never seen such garbage treated so royally in all my life," said a former White House duty officer during an interview Thursday.

Paul Skousen, a former White House staffer who now resides in South Jordan, has a large plastic sack containing what he says is the shredded remains of documents destroyed in the White House situation room by Lt. Col. Oliver North.

During one of North's last days at the National Security Council, North used the situation room's paper shredder after the one he had been using in his office jammed, Skousen said.

Skousen said he had been granted permission by directors to collect the shreds for a Boy Scout paper drive for recycling purposes. "It was considered trash and was normally hauled out with the rest of the White House garbage sacks," Skousen said.

"It is routine procedure to shred documents, and you just keep shredding until the bag fills up, so I am sure that there are other documents in the sack that were not shredded by Oliver North," he said.

Skousen, recalling his thoughts when seeing the sack of shredded documents, said, "You know, maybe this

might be a neat souvenir for friends and family when they come through the situation room in the White House on a tour." He carried the sack out to his car, threw it in the trunk, and forgot about it. That was in November 1986.

When people began talking about the shredded documents in the spring of 1987, Skousen thought his shreds would make an interesting fundraiser for his father Cleon Skousen's organization, the National Center for Constitutional Studies.

"With the fund-raising idea in mind, I sent several conceptual ideas back to my folks and they took over from there," Skousen said. "As a federal employee, I could not profit off this because it was from materials purchased with tax-generated monies."

Skousen said the final product turned out to be a plaque telling the Oliver North story, along with a small clear-plastic capsule which contains the shreds. "The sack contains enough shredded material to make about 50,000 plaques," said Skousen, "although only around 1,500 have been produced and sold so far." Skousen said an investigation of the plaques, which are titled "Shredded Secrets," has taken place. An FBI agent came to see his father.



Universe photo by Heather Christensen

## Oh, what a feeling!

A member of the floor maintenance crew entertains the crowd with an impromptu ballet routine during the half-time lull at Thursday's game against San Diego State.

## Teacher given \$1,000

By TRENTON K. RICKS  
Senior Reporter

A Provo city councilman followed through on a campaign promise and set an example of a partnership with education Thursday morning when he donated \$1,000 of his salary to a Timpanogos High School teacher.

Mark Hathaway, a Provo city councilman and businessman, awarded the money to Sandra W. Shepard, director of Timpanogos' Resource Center and a teacher of creative writing, with the stipulation that it be used to further Shepard's education or to fund projects in her classes that would otherwise go unfunded.

Shepard was surprised Thursday morning when Hathaway, Steve Densley of the Orem/Provo Chamber of Commerce, and a small entourage entered her classroom and watched

Hathaway present her with a check. "My purpose behind this, and the reason I invited the press, is I hope other companies, corporations and individuals will do similar things," Hathaway said. "I really think teachers need the help."

Densley, a congressional candidate in the 3rd District, represented the Chamber of Commerce and introduced Hathaway and the award.

"With the big push the Chamber has made for business/education partnerships, I am thrilled to see Mark step forward like this," Densley said. "This community needs to follow his example and establish more of this type of partnerships and also include the parents."

Shepard said she was excited to be chosen and would use the money to fund some special class projects and to help the school's Resource Center.



Universe photo by Bryan L. Anderton  
Former White House duty officer, Paul Skousen, shows off shreds of paper which he claims are the remains of the Iran-Contra affair.

# NEWS DIGEST

Compiled from staff and news service reports

## Unify Germany, Communist premier says

EAST BERLIN — East Germany's Communist premier on Thursday appealed for negotiations with West Germany to forge a "united fatherland" that eventually would be neutral and governed from Berlin.

West German Chancellor Helmut Kohl welcomed the call to discuss reunification, but rejected the call for military neutrality.

"Such a proposal contradicts the logic of the pan-European process of unification," Kohl said. He added that a single German state in the heart of Europe could not afford to be isolated.

East German Premier Hans Modrow called for "a reasonable time horizon" for reunification to be mutually determined, apparently hoping to gain control over the galloping pace of events drawing the two Germans together.

His announcement marked a turnaround in the Communist-dominated government's position on the German question. The East Berlin leadership had previously resisted reunification efforts as premature and destabilizing.

But mounting economic woes and an accelerating exodus of thousands of skilled workers to the West are forcing the nation's interim leaders to address public pressure for a merger with prosperous West Germany.

Soviet President Mikhail S. Gorbachev also has softened his view on the issue; earlier this week he said reunification was inevitable.

## Murder case to be tried in Utah County

FILLMORE — A judge has rejected defense pleas to hold Lance Wood's capital homicide trial somewhere other than Utah County and ordered jury selection to begin on Feb. 20 in Provo.

Fourth District Judge Boyd L. Park, in concluding a two-day motions hearing in the case Thursday, said he saw no reason why an impartial jury could not be selected in Utah County.

Wood's co-defendant, Michael Anthony Archuleta, 26, was recently convicted of first-degree murder and sentenced to die by a Utah County jury.

Wood, 20, and Archuleta, 26, were charged in the Nov. 22, 1988, bludgeoning death of Gordon Church, 28, a Southern Utah State College student.

On Thursday, Park denied a motion by public defender Marcus Taylor seeking suppression of Wood's comments to law officers on the basis that Wood had not been properly advised of his rights and had been improperly questioned.

The judge also rejected a motion to disqualify Archuleta as a witness.

## Utah unemployment rate at 11-year low

SALT LAKE CITY — Unemployment in Utah for January dipped to an 11-year low of 3.8 percent, with the ranks of the jobless shrinking to 33,000, says the state Department of Employment Security.

Unemployment was down sharply from January 1989, when 4.7 percent of the work force was without jobs, said Job Service analyst Ken Jensen.

Utah began the new year with 695,700 workers employed in non-agricultural jobs, up 31,500 from the beginning of 1989.

Jensen said January's jobless figure portends a continuation of an economic upswing for Utah that ran through much of last year.

"Moreover, most industrial sectors are sharing in this robust expansion," Jensen said in a prepared statement Thursday. "In fact, the finance-insurance-real estate group was the only major industry to experience an employment (growth) rate of less than 3 percent."

The mining industry edged out services in terms of percentage employment growth, with mining employment up 600 jobs, or about 8 percent, from last year.

## Reporter barred after angering Bangerter

SALT LAKE CITY — A newspaper reporter was temporarily denied routine free access to executive offices on Capitol Hill Thursday after Gov. Norm Bangerter became outraged by an article she had written, aides said.

Bangerter was offended by a portion of an article written by Deseret News reporter Lisa Riley Roche about a legal opinion holding that salaries Bangerter had granted to some department heads exceeded legislative limits.

Specifically, the governor objected to two paragraphs describing the possible offenses and penalties, said press secretary Francine Giani.

"He was not happy," she said. "He felt like his integrity had been questioned." Riley Roche was stopped at the door to the offices to prevent a possible confrontation with the irate governor, Giani said. By day's end, however, free access was restored and Giani invited Riley Roche to attend Bangerter's weekly press briefing on Friday.

Riley Roche said she could not discuss the issue. Montgomery and Webb also declined to comment, both saying it was a "private matter."

## Soviet press attacks Politburo member

MOSCOW — A newspaper on Thursday published the strongest criticism to appear in the Soviet press of Politburo member Yegor K. Ligachev, accusing the conservative of opposing democracy and deceiving the people. Ligachev's views have frequently put him on a different track from the reform-minded Mikhail Gorbachev, although he has denied any discord.

The article accused him of a wide range of sins, including glorifying dictator Josef Stalin, disregarding the people's will, lying and clinging to socialist ideals now under general attack.

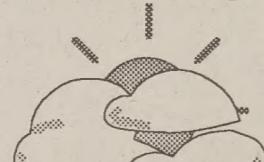
The analysis was given great prominence, and carried a measure of authority because it was written by a deputy editor-in-chief of Moscow News.

It was unusual not only for its harsh criticism of a standing Soviet leader, but also for its timing. It was published just five days before the Communist Party's powerful Central Committee, of which Ligachev is a member, holds what is expected to be a fiery session where progressives hope to present an alternative platform.

## WEATHER

### SLC/Provo

Today: Variable cloudy skies. Highs mld 30s, lows mld 20s. Chance of snow is 30 percent.



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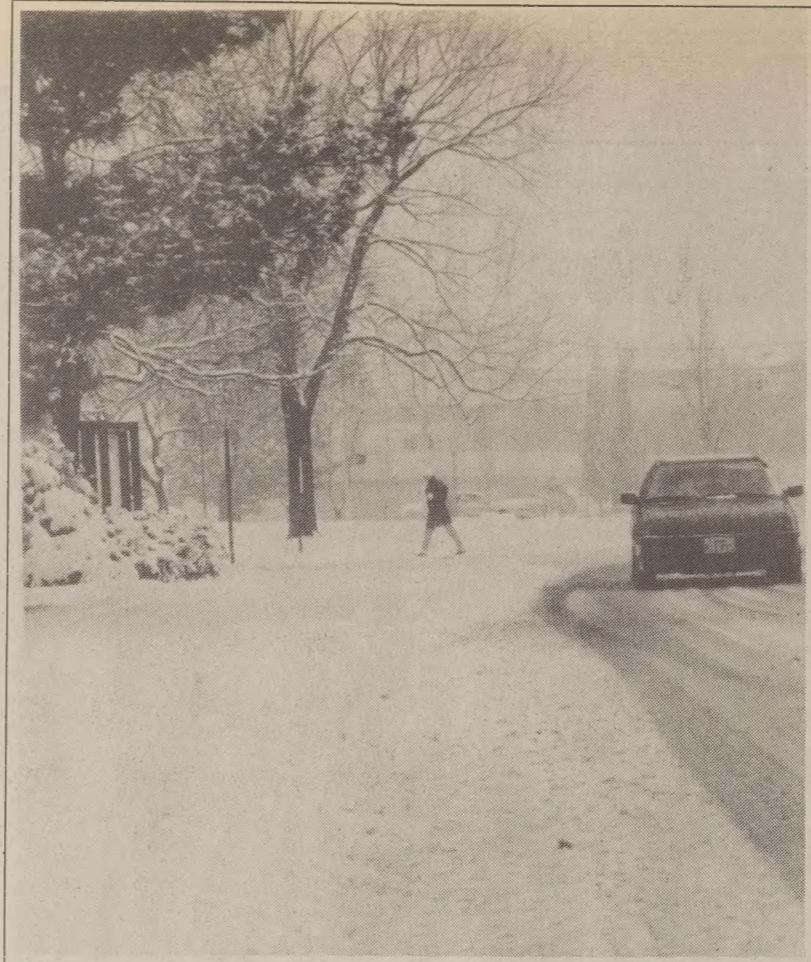
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Universe photo by Heather Christensen  
Recent snowfall has made snowplowed rows like this one a common sight. Provo businesses could face a stiff fine or a jail sentence if they fail to clean the snow from their sidewalks.

## Snow removal citizens' duty

By K. MICHAEL GOODMAN  
Universe Staff Writer  
and TONYA HILSCHER

Provo City businesses and citizens are responsible for cleaning the snow off the city property attached to their own property, a Provo City attorney said Thursday.

According to the revised ordinance of snow removal from sidewalks, Provo City business owners will be subject to a maximum sentence of six months in jail and a \$1,000 fine if they fail to properly clean their sidewalks of snow and ice.

Gordon Bullock, chairman of the city council, said the penalty of private citizens has changed. He said instead of citizens being given the same punishment as businesses, they will be given an infraction charge of a maximum \$500.

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"We have our equipment out to remove the snow, but are we going to be fined for using the pick to remove the ice that will damage the sidewalk?" said Hislop.

"This was just a fine tuning to clarify the responsibility that the city has and the responsibility the citizens have," Bullock said.

According to the ordinance, "Snow or ice shall not be pushed, piled or placed by any person so that it unreasonably obstructs or blocks driveways or streets ... or creates a dangerous condition for pedestrian or vehicular traffic."

The ordinance also said that sidewalk walks which are not cleared by businesses will be cleared by the city at the expense of the business.

Sherman Hislop, owner of the Liberty Square Apartments, said, "I believe that the Provo City Administration is just trying to shoulder the responsibility of cleaning the city to someone else."

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## Know how to handle panhandlers

By AMY K. STEWART  
Senior Reporter

A man stands on the street corner holding a sign which reads, "I will work for food." Sympathetic people drop money into the man's hat and walk off, satisfied with their good deed.

But what if the man on the street really wasn't out of work? What if he was using the money to buy everything but food?

Capt. Duane Fraser of the Provo Police Department said this does happen in Provo. He said it was reported to the police that a man was standing on the corner of 800 North, 500 West in Provo, holding a sign which read, "I will work for food."

"A lot of people had stopped and given him money, but we checked it out and he wasn't out of work," Fraser said.

Robert Main, worker at the Food Shelter Coalition in Provo, said he has seen some people on the streets who are legitimately out of work, but there are others who are just out for a "money-grab."

Main said a group of BYU students brought a meal into the center as a donation.

They had originally cooked the meal for a man who was standing on the street holding a sign which said he would work for food. The man had refused their meal and taken the \$5 they offered instead.

People should contact the police instead of donating money, Fraser said. "Just report it and let us check it out. If they have a legitimate need, we will send them to the agencies."

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# CAMPUS

## More adults return to finish education

By SHAUNA PIERSON  
University Staff Writer

Many people age 25 or older are returning to finish their education, said Paul Richards, director of BYU Public Communications.

"Whether it is because of the volatile job market, technological advances, affluency or federal funding, neliness, flexibility, variety or just the fact that education is good at any age, people are coming back," he said. BYU has 3,100 students age 25 or older, Richards said.

"Last April more than 14 percent of 2,800 graduates were 29 years or older," said Brent Harker, associate director of Public Communications.

"It's never too late to learn," said Lester Davenport, 84, a 1989 BYU graduate from Ucon, Idaho.

"Older people are returning to school all the time now," Davenport said. She graduated with a master's in theater and film.

"Adults are in class because they want to be in class. They are eager to learn," wrote Beverly Watkins in the January 1989 issue of the Chronicle of Higher Education.

Returning students are more dedicated because they are making some sort of sacrifice to be at school, said Dallas Burnett, associate dean of the College of Fine Arts and Communications.

"The toughest thing about being back in school has been to relearn study habits, and just get used to the fact that I am back in school again," said Jimmy Stewart, 42, an electrical engineering major from Nelbourne, Ark.

"The age gap is hard," said Bob Gilman, 58, a broadcast major from Provo. "It's harder to memorize than for the younger students. A three-credit-hour class takes roughly 12 to

15 hours' study time," he said.

"Things changed from when I was in high school," Davenport said. "Most of the basics stayed the same, but writing styles changed, even vocabulary changed. Learning was double the effort. We're going to the moon and computerized. We need to keep up," she said.

"Adult students, usually defined as age 25 or older, made up 42 percent of the 12.2 million students enrolled in higher education, a five percent increase over the last decade," according to the National Center for Educational Statistics in 1989.

Adult students are usually employed full-time; many are married and have children, according to Watkins's article. Reasons for returning to school differ.

"I decided to go back to school when my children started asking questions that I couldn't answer," said Maureen Joseph, 37, a psychology major from Salt Lake City.

Many students returning from the work force realize the advantages of a degree.

"A degree gives you the opportunity to progress. Without it there is no progression, no advancement," said Ward Barker, 27, a senior from Richland, Wash., majoring in zoology.

"At my former job the difference between a bachelor's degree and a master's was \$15,000, but that wasn't the reason why I came back," said Holly Curtis, a third-year graduate student from Mesa, Ariz., majoring in Food Sciences.

"A master's in Food Sciences is helpful for research and development of new food products," she said.

"It used to be if your job was done, it didn't matter if you had a degree. Now it does," Gilman said.

## Clubs to hold campus bash tonight

By CAROL YAGER  
University Staff Writer

Tradition continues tonight as BYUUSA hosts Friday Night Live.

Friday Night Live is a campus-wide party sponsored by BYUUSA approved on-campus clubs. The event has been going on for almost 10 years and is held once each semester.

This semester's Friday Night Live will be held in the Wilkinson Center from 8 p.m. to 2 a.m.

The night's events will include air band concerts, The Dating Game, concert showcases, booths and a dance.

The Dating Game and concert showcases will be free in the Cougarat, and tickets for the rest of the events can be purchased in the ELWC Stepdown Lounge beginning at 8 p.m.

Tickets for the air bands and the dance are both \$2.

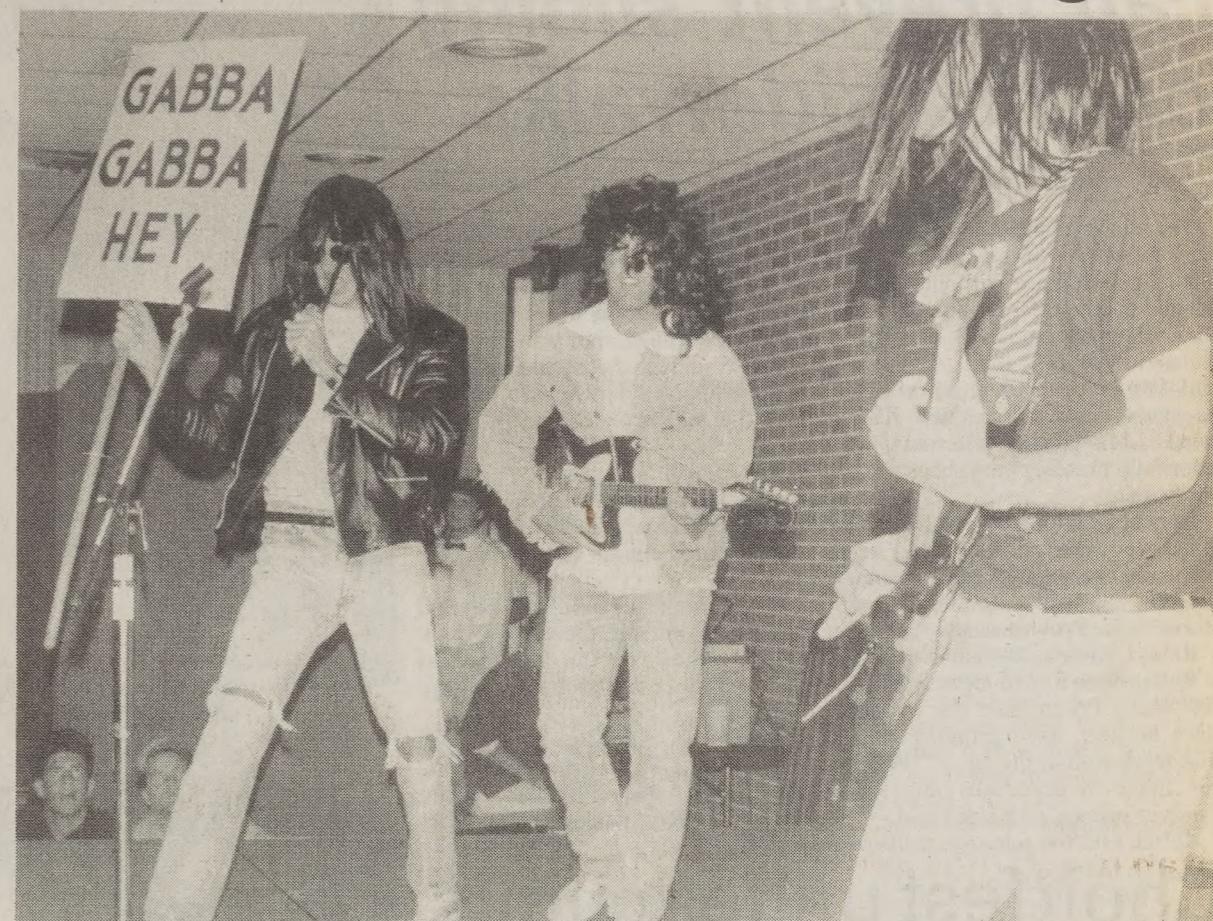
Besides the usual Friday Night Live events, there will be other new attractions.

The Sportsmen Club will have a mechanical bull and Concerts Impromptu is being replaced by a collection of BYU musical talent.

"We think we have put together a program which will appeal to the students," said Steve James, concert manager for the air bands.

"It won't be a typical talent show; it is more of a talent showcase displaying some of the incredible talent found here on campus," said the junior from Sandy majoring in communications.

Friday Night Live is a semester event designed not only as a party for students, but as a fundraising



University file photo

Students lip-sync to The Ramones during the Air Band competition of Friday Night Live in 1987. This semester 35 clubs will participate as a fundraising project for on-campus clubs. This semester 35 clubs will participate.

project for BYU on-campus clubs. This year 35 on-campus clubs will be involved. Involvement is voluntary and those clubs involved get a share of the money raised.

"This is really the only opportunity BYU gives the clubs to raise money," said Russ Raddon, president of the

Sportsmen Club. "However, Friday Night Live in the process has turned into one of the biggest parties of each semester."

## POLICE BEAT

**THEFT** — Belongings in an office in the Spencer W. Kimball Tower were stolen two nights in a row. The victim said she locked the door when she left and the door was still locked when she returned in the morning.

Items taken include books and research material. The items' estimated value is \$60.

**THEFT** — A laundry bag was taken from the laundry room of Fugal Hall in Heritage Hall. The victim left the laundry room, and when she returned her bag was missing.

Items taken include bedding and

miscellaneous clothing. The estimated value is \$35.

**THEFT** — A red Schwinn World Sport 10-speed bike was taken from a bike rack on the east side of the Spencer W. Kimball Tower. The bike was not locked at the time.

The estimated value is \$150.

**AUTO BURGLARY** — A Volkswagen Rabbit was broken into in the Monte L. Bean Life Science Museum parking lot. The victim locked the doors but forgot to lock the hatchback.

Items taken included cassette

tapes and clothes. The items' estimated value is \$270.

**HIT AND RUN** — A red Isuzu Trooper was hit in the center parking lot of the Abraham O. Smoot Administration Building. No note was left on the car saying who hit it.

The car was hit in the left rear quarter panel. The damage is estimated at \$350.

**Global affairs skills taught as BYU students play game that simulates diplomacy**

By KRISTA L. KARONY  
University Staff Writer

International Communications and Negotiations Simulation is training students from BYU and other universities around the world in the practical skills of diplomacy, research, debate and intercultural communication to prepare them for future roles in global affairs.

The ICONS program is a computer gaming simulation involving 47 other teams from around the world. The object is to work within an events scenario, created by the simulation headquarters at the University of Maryland.

"ICONS gives the student the opportunity to put into practical use what they learn in the classroom," said Outreach Programs Director Les Case.

The students represent their given country, via a computer telecommunications link, in a simulation with other universities representing other countries, Case said.

Direct, on-line conferences are a big part of the simulation, Case said. These conferences cover almost every issue of global importance, from human rights to nuclear non-proliferation.

Between the conferences, individual teams send computer messages to countries they want to become allies with or deal with in an upcoming conference, he said.

The simulation gets really exciting when students find themselves talking to teams like the University of Tokyo, which represents Japan, in an on-line conference, said Country Team Leader Barton Thacker. The telecommunications link puts countries thousands of miles apart within seconds of each other.

The actual simulation begins March 26 and goes through April 27, said Eric Webb, Outreach Programs research assistant. Between now and then the country teams divide into

sections covering weapons, economics, human rights, etc. After these sections are divided up, then the research work begins, he said.

"Research is the backbone of a successful simulation," Webb said. Since the ICONS program began in the mid-1980s, BYU has distinguished itself as a school that "does its homework," he said.

BYU is head and shoulders above the rest of the other participating universities simply because they research well the country they will be representing, Webb said.

The University of Maryland is so pleased with BYU's performance in past simulations, that it has given BYU, a brand new country in the ICONS simulation, to BYU, he said.

After the research is complete and the simulation starts, students literally lose themselves in the game, Webb said.

Because the teams devote so much time and effort to representing their country effectively, they start to think and act how that country would act in a real situation.

When BYU represented the U.S.S.R., it was said to have played more rigorously than even the Soviets themselves, Case said. The simulated nuclear arms reduction talks between the United States and the Soviet Union were compared to the real talks held later, he said.

BYU's U.S.S.R. actually gave away fewer missiles, therefore less of an advantage, than the real U.S.S.R. "Everybody becomes a little patriotically zealous," Case said.

Students interested in the program can sign up for the International Area Studies class 397R, sections 400 and 401, Case said. Their students are divided into two country teams, according to their choice. BYU is representing Peru and Vietnam this semester, he said.

The class can count as credit in a variety of different departments and can still be added, Case said.

## Bangerter to talk today

Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity International has arranged for Gov. Norman Bangerter to speak to BYU students today at noon in 303 JRCC. He is speaking on a subject of his choice.

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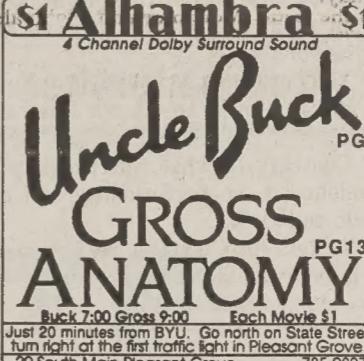
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## Symposium to highlight some lessons from Mosiah

By JOHN D. BEAMAN  
University Staff Writer

Today through Sunday BYU will be sponsoring the Fifth Annual Book of Mormon Symposium. The theme of the symposium is "The Book of Mosiah — Salvation Only Through Christ." Speakers include BYU faculty and other leading scriptorians.

Some topics to be addressed are "Self Mastery — Key to Eternal Pro-

## LIFESTYLE

### Slip-proofed shoes can prevent sliding on slick sidewalks

By CHERYL A. KORTE  
University Staff Writer

The winter months bring welcome snow for skiers who love sliding down hills. But for those without skis attached to their feet, the snow and slick sidewalks can result in pain and embarrassment.

Before investing in a pair of cleats or moon boots to conquer BYU's slopes while getting to classes, consider "slip proofing" the shoes you already own.

Rubber traction soles, which can be glued over practically any shoe's original sole, are popular during snowy seasons, according to shoe repair stores in the Provo area.

Robert Kelsch, 36-year-old owner of Kelsch Shoe Repair located at 51 N. 200 West, Provo, said the non-skid soles he uses have gripping ridges that work well in the snow. "We can put them on practically any shoe, men's or women's," Kelsch said.

Kelsch said the soles are made of a

durable rubber-nylon compound that can be glued on top of the original rubber or leather soles.

Warren Booth, a 26-year-old employee of Modern Shoe Repair at 350 W. Center in Provo, said the rubber soles can be put on most shoes and they work well on snowy walkways.

Booth said most customers like the soles. They are dark brown with either fine ridges or a one-eighth inch tread.

The cost to "slip-proof" your shoes ranges from \$8.95 to \$12.95 depending on the size of the shoe. Most shoe repair stores charge \$10 for the service.

If you would like to save money and do the job yourself, there are self-adhesive treads you can buy for less than half the cost of professionally applied soles.

Geppetto's Shoe Repair and Dry Cleaning at 1774 N. University Parkway in Provo has self-adhesive rubber soles called "Safety Striders" that cost \$2.

### Choirfest unites choirs 3 separate concerts to be performed

By KAREN ORTON  
University Staff Writer

be the only time all four BYU audition choirs will perform together.

The choirs delighted a large audience during fall semester when they performed the Fall Choral Showcase, Wilberg said.

Since the Choirfest tradition started in 1985, the choirs have enjoyed performing to large audiences.

Wilberg commented, "We had one of the year's worst blizzards the night of our Choirfest last year, but we still performed to a packed house."

A large variety of music will be performed at the concert.

The program includes works from classic choral literature, folk and spiritual songs and popular musical arrangements.

The performance will be held Feb. 2 at 7:30 p.m. in the Provo Tabernacle.

Contrary to what was previously announced, no performance will be held on Feb. 3.

Tickets for Choirfest performance will be available at the door prior to the start of each show.

### Gordon Jump to speak today

By DAN COOK  
University Staff Writer

Actor Gordon Jump will speak to theater and film students today about being a Mormon in the acting business, said Charles L. Metten, faculty member in the Theatre and Film Department.

The assembly, including a question and answer period, will take place in the Pardoe Drama Theatre at 4 p.m. and is open to the public.

Jump, age 57, is the lonely Maytag repairman in Maytag advertisements and recently acted in the television movie "The Bicycle Man." He also appears two or three times a season as the grandfather in "Growing Pains," said Kiva Jump, 21-year-old daughter of Gordon and Anna Jump.

Jump is from Centerville, Ohio and graduated from Kansas State University in communications. He currently resides in Glendale, Calif.

In this scene from the comedy "Cubits," lead Jennifer Erekson is in a nervous state and unknowingly refolds clothes after Spanish maid Kiva Jump has already folded them. Universe photo by Jennifer Smith

### Comedy 'Cubits' premiers in HFAC

By DAN COOK  
University Staff Writer

"Cubits," an original comedy by playwright Rory Scanlon, premiered at BYU last night in the Margetts Arena Theatre.

According to Scanlon, People carry with them personal measuring systems by which they judge other people and themselves.

These measuring systems make up a person's moral structure, personal prejudices, values, likes and dislikes and the basis for Scanlon's script.

The clash that occurs when people's measuring systems differ, and the necessary compromises that result, provide comic situations that everyone can relate to, Scanlon said.

The title, "Cubits," is derived partly from its use as a measurement comparison, he said, and partly from a surprise within the show.

Scanlon said he got ideas for the play from watching people interact.

"Often people say they're not going to

**Viewers say this show is one of the best**

### Faculty artists display works at annual exhibit

By WENDY SEAL  
University Staff Writer

The annual faculty art exhibit, which went on display Jan. 9 in the B. F. Larsen Gallery of the HFAC, features the work of 12 full-time faculty and four part-time BYU staff members.

Art Department Chairman Robert L. Marshall said there is a consensus among the students and faculty in the department that the exhibit is one of the better shows in a number of years.

"We have more investigative pieces this year which are evidence of personal inquiry. The works speak of faculty artists who are searching rather than being repetitious," said Marshall.

The exhibit thus far has drawn positive response. Christine Lauder, a 19-year-old student from Merced, Calif., who is attending Utah Valley Community College, said she makes a point each year to visit the faculty art shows at BYU.

"I give the 1990 exhibit a real

be like their parents or they're not going to be like their dad but then they end up just like them," he said.

The basic element of comedy is information someone knows that someone else does not, Scanlon said, or something the audience knows that the actors don't.

In spite of the comic element, the play does have a message. Director of the play, Jean R. Jenkins, said that was one of the reasons she chose to direct the play.

"I like realistic scripts," she said. "I

like stories that are light, but still contain a message."

This is a play that will keep the audience laughing all the way through, but will still leave them thinking," Jenkins believes you have to laugh to get through life.

Cast member Craig Costello said that the members of the audience will see a lot of their own families in the show, and that is what makes it funny. "The situations in the play are happening in homes all across America," he said.

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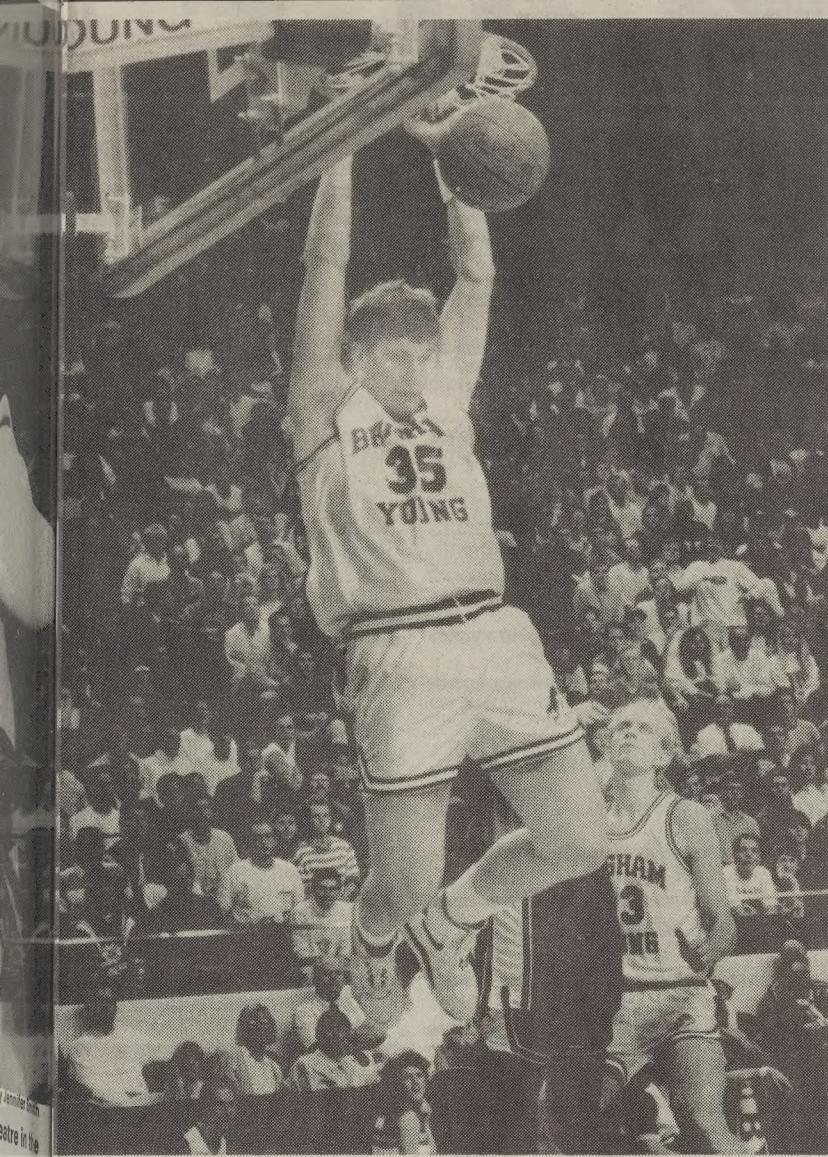
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## SPORTS



Universe photo by Heather Christensen  
Cougars Steve Schreiner jams the ball through the hoop late in the second half of Thursday's game against San Diego State.

## Cougars start slow, dump Aztecs 75-58

By STEPHEN MOFFITT  
Sports Editor

For the second time in as many games, Steve Schreiner, who shot 90 percent from the field, led the Cougars past San Diego State in a 75-58 victory Thursday night in the Marriott Center.

The Cougars are now 17-3 overall and 8-1 in the WAC. The Cougars also sport a 12-game winning streak at home.

The Aztecs are now 12-10 overall and are 4-5 in the WAC.

In the first half of play it looked as though both teams wanted the other team to dictate the tempo of the game.

Both teams only scored ten points in the first five minutes of the game.

"When you play basketball for 20 games and when you have to be mentally and physically playing as hard as you do every second, every game, I guess you are bound to play a little bit lethargic, and our guys are due a half," coach Reid said.

Even playing lethargic, BYU was able to open up six-point lead with 3:53 left in the first half when Andy Toolson hit two free throws to make the score 25-19.

Then SDSU went on an 11-5 run to tie the score at the half. The big play of the first half was when Shawn Jamison took a mid-court alley-oop pass with two seconds left, and jammed it to tie the score, 30-30, at intermission.

Reid said of the play, "Might as well

have that happen at the end of the first half because that is the way we played the first 20 minutes."

San Diego State coach Jim Brandenburg was pleased to be tied with BYU at the half.

"I've brought a lot of clubs in here and we haven't been 30-30 at half time," Brandenburg said. "I thought that if we started playing better we would have a chance in the second half," he said.

Roger Reid, Charles Bradley and Tony Ingle had different ideas though.

"We came out the second half and defensively turned the game around," Reid said. "Our defense got us moving offensively. We picked it up, we played full-court — aggressive."

The Aztecs opened the second half with a bucket and then BYU went on a 27-12 run over the next nine minutes that buried San Diego and made the score 57-44.

San Diego State called a timeout with 8:06 left in the half but it didn't help the Aztecs solve the problem.

"Half way through the second half we quit executing well offensively," Brandenburg said. "We were frustrated in the last ten minutes."

BYU controlled the rest of the half and San Diego kept fouling in an effort to get the ball back. The strategy wasn't a bad idea. The Cougars only shot 61 percent from the free-throw line.

Down the stretch though, the Cougars shot 75 percent from the line and were able to make the game look more lopsided than it really was.

## BYU women beat

By BRETT A. BLAKE  
Universe Sports Writer

Kathy Halligan scored 34 points and went 8-11 from beyond the three-point line as Creighton handed the BYU's Women's Basketball team a 74-59 loss Thursday night in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Blue Jays converted on 14-19 three-point shots to shoot a stunning 74 percent from beyond the three-point line.

BYU fell behind early in the game but managed to stay within striking distance behind 44-37 at halftime.

Cougar coach Jeanie Wilson said her team struggled defensively in the first half. "We played hard on de-

fense but it was so frustrating. Creighton was so hot."

The Blue Jays scored a quick ten baskets in the opening minutes of the second half. BYU didn't score until the 15:32 mark and by that time Creighton had pulled out to a 54-37 lead that proved to be more than the Cougars could overcome.

The Cougars were led by guard Lisa White who scored 19 points, pulled down ten rebounds and handed out three assists. BYU's Michelle Carter added 11 points and Jennifer Beck connected for 10 points, but it wasn't enough to counter the Creighton attack.

The win was Creighton's first High Country Athletic Conference win. The Blue Jays are now 1-2.

## Volleyball team to play USC

By MICHAEL J. WARD  
Universe Sports Writer

fourth-ranked Long Beach State and eighth-ranked UC/Santa Barbara among other teams in the UCSB tournament last week.

"The news of our success in the tournament traveled fast and the commissioner of the Western Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (WIVA) called to congratulate us," said Cortez.

The Trojans hitting percentage for the season is .336.

Much of the credit goes to All-American middle blocker Bryan Ivie who is hitting .417 and had 24 kills against Loyola.

Marymount on Jan. 19. The Cougars are hitting under .300, but are improving with every game.

Play begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Smith Fieldhouse.

## 'Mailman' delivers notice to NBA

By SCOTT NIENDORF  
Asst. Sports Editor

Karl Malone made a statement to the world of professional basketball Saturday when he scored 61 points against the Milwaukee Bucks. Only the 13th player in NBA history to score over 60 points, he let everyone know who should have been a starting forward in next Sunday's NBA All-Star Game in Miami.

Malone is the second-leading scorer in the NBA, averaging 31.2 points per contest and fifth in the league in rebounding, pulling down 11.0 boards per game. Only Michael Jordan of the Chicago Bulls averages more points per game than he does (33.0). Only Michael Jordan?

This year's All-Star competition will see a new event. It's a one-on-one competition between some of the big names in the game. Larry Bird's shooting touch will be pitted against Jordan's quickness and dunking touch. I vote next year's one-on-one competition include Malone against A.C. Green of the Los Angeles Lakers who starts ahead of Malone in this year's All-Star game. Green — All-Star starter?

Malone could be the MVP again this year coming off the bench..

The excitement of Super Bowl XXIV is winding down already. But anticipation for Super Bowl XXV, in Tampa, Fla., is sky-high in San Francisco. Thousands of people turned out Monday for the NFL Champion 49ers' victory parade. Talk there is suggesting the Niners will be the first team in history to win the big game three years in a row.

San Francisco put itself in the record books by becoming only the second team to win the Super Bowl

four times (in as many trips!) along with the Pittsburgh Steelers. The Steelers were the dominant team of the 70's — the 49ers, the 80's. Who will be the dominant team, if there will be one, of the 90's? It will be interesting to see the two in next year's Super Bowl.

Speaking of dominating teams, BYU's Powerlifting squad opens its season this Saturday against defending national champion Air Force. BYU has finished as the runner-up to Air Force at the national championships the last three years-in-a-row. The Cougars have five returning All-Americans on their team. Two of the best powerlifting teams in the country will be going head-to-head Saturday morning in the Smith Fieldhouse at 10 a.m.

The United States National Figure Skating Championships will be hosted by Salt Lake City this year.

## Women's tennis team adds new talent

By MEGAN E. OGILVIE  
Universe Sports Writer

Two foreign tennis players joined BYU's Women's tennis team at the start of winter semester. Monika Kobilikova, 19, of Ostrava, Czechoslovakia, and Lesley Barbour, 18, of Bulawayo, Zimbabwe, come to BYU as first semester freshmen with international experience.

"Our program has gone up another notch with the addition of these newcomers," said BYU Coach Ann Valentine. "They will undoubtedly play at the top of the ladder in both singles and doubles."

Kobilikova was ranked 40th in Czechoslovakia, and Barbour is ranked 60th in her age class by the International Tennis Federation.

In order for Kobilikova to improve her English she spent three months living in Bountiful. "In Czechoslovakia there really wasn't any way to learn the language," she said.

For Barbour, the decision wasn't whether to play tennis or not, but "whether to go to college or not," she said. Barbour became familiar with BYU when she made friends with sophomore Anna Funderbunk on a European tennis tour last summer, said Valentine.

Last fall Valentine was able to see Barbour play and invited her to visit the campus. Barbour said she received invitations from other schools, but BYU was the first to offer.

"Schooling is very different here," said Barbour, who is used to school uniforms, all girls' schools and a more structured atmosphere. "A very big difference is the people."

Kobilikova agreed that it is difficult to adjust to some of the social customs. She plans to graduate from BYU and pursue professional tennis career.

"Their aspirations are the kind we like to have at BYU," said Coach Valentine. Their experience will also add depth to team of six returning letter-earners and two other freshmen.

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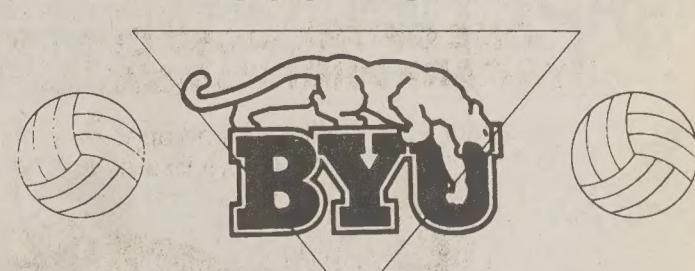
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# Expenses low in Utah Valley

By MARCI WILCOX  
University Staff Writer

Provo and Orem's cost of living is ranked among the 10 lowest in the nation, according to the American Chamber of Commerce Researchers Association.

"The Provo/Orem area is 11.6 percent below the national average," said Evan Barney, public relations director of the Chamber of Commerce.

According to a press release, the ACCRA report equaled the national average to 100 on the cost of living index. The Provo/Orem area scored 14.

The ACCRA reported Salt Lake City at 94.8, San Francisco at 144.5 and Denver at 101.5. Barney said the west scoring city was Pryor, Okla., which came in at 84.6. He said the highest score, 157.2, was Long Island, N.Y. According to the release, ACCRA measures and compares the costs of consumer goods and services.

"Those who make a reasonable living in this area (Provo/Orem) are going to have a higher standard of living," Mayor Blaine Willes of Orem said.

He said the Provo/Orem area is not a great purchasing market in terms of population. "There is going to be tighter competition for the dollars that are going to be spent. Prices may be too competitive," he said.

According to the report, housing was the lowest-ranked component.

"One reason we have a reduced cost of living is the low cost of housing," Willes said. He said a home that would normally sell for \$100,000 in this area, would cost \$300,000-\$400,000 in California.

"Food prices may be lower because of the local supplies that are available and because the retailers have smaller mark-ups," said Willes.

One disadvantage of residing in an area where the cost of living is low is the minimal capital available for investments, he said. "When businesses want to expand they can't because there is no capital to permit

them to do so."

Job Service Placement Supervisor Norm Anderson said, "If people can live on less money, employers are going to pay less."

The positive aspect is that people can live better in Provo on a low income than other cities, he said. "The negative aspect is that there is no pressure to raise the wages," said Anderson.

Willes feels individuals are not attracted to the Provo/Orem area because of its low cost of living. "People come to this area for basic roots, religious reasons, the openness or the mountains and the amenities they receive here," he said.

Barney said the ACCRA report was compiled by all the states. Each state conducted its own research and sent it in, he said. According to the report the highest-ranked component in the Provo/Orem area was transportation at 102. The report also placed utilities at 89.5, health care at 87.6 and miscellaneous goods and services at 94.4 in the Provo/Orem area.

## Sentence reduced for Colombians

By STEVE TANNER  
University Staff Writer

Charges were dropped and sentences reduced Thursday for four men charged with possession of cocaine on Jan. 12 in Springville.

In Spanish Fork Circuit Court all charges of possession of cocaine were dropped against Justin A. Atenes, 31, and Ramon P. Rivera, 30, both from Mexico. Luis Barros, 23, and Gilberto Dearmas, 28, both from Colombia, who were also charged with possession, pled guilty to a lesser charge of attempting to possess cocaine, with a maximum sentence of \$2,500 and a year in jail.

Right to a trial hearing was waived by Barros and Dearmas in the preliminary hearing, and a sentence was passed. Both men were given a reduced sentence of 30 days with credit for time already spent in jail.

Officer Chuck Senn, Springville Police, said charges were reduced because the Department of Immigration and Naturalization has authority over Barros and Dearmas and will probably deport the two when their jail sentences end.

"This way it saves the taxpayers money," Senn said. All four men were arrested during an ongoing investigation conducted by the Springville Police and the Southern Utah County Task Force.

### Crash victim had tested special radio

Associated Press

OGDEN — A former Utah pilot killed in a jet fighter crash in Alaska last month proved shortly before his death that U.S. and Soviet pilots can talk over radio to avoid accidental conflict.

Air Force Capt. Darrell Leroy Kenney Jr., formerly of Roy, crashed in an F-15 Eagle west of Elmendorf Air Force Base, Alaska, on Jan. 16. The crash remains under investigation.

Air Force officials said Kenney had flown F-15s at Elmendorf since late 1987, intercepting Soviet airplanes venturing near American air space. Pilots from the two countries typically communicate with hand signals or wing-wagging.

On Dec. 4, as a result of an agreement to establish procedures for avoiding accidental conflicts, Kenney was in a flight of F-15s that met a Soviet Tu-95 Bear bomber and spoke over radio to the crew. Soviet fighter pilots did the same with an American TC-135 reconnaissance trainer.

The Air Force said it was the first such communication.

Six weeks later, Kenney was returning alone to the base near Anchorage when his twin-engine supersonic jet crashed about 2,400 feet up on the west face of a mountain.

Base spokesman Sgt. Matthew Fast said Kenney's body was found two days after the crash within 60 feet of the plane. He declined to reveal more details pending the outcome of the investigation.

"No one knows exactly what happened," said Kenney's father, Darrell Kenney. The elder Kenney, a Roy resident, said the Air Force told him there was no radio communication indicating trouble.

The father said he understood that at 7,000 feet his son's visibility was cut by snow and low clouds. The F-15 has sophisticated radar and other electronics, but the senior Kenney said the jet continued to descend until it hit the mountain.

His son was killed by the impact or during ejection, the father said.

An Air Force statement called it a training flight. The elder Kenney, who attended the funeral in Alaska, said pilots told him his son was giving the plane a final test flight to smooth out problems after maintenance.

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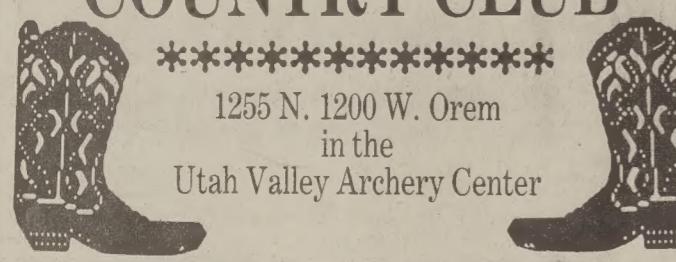
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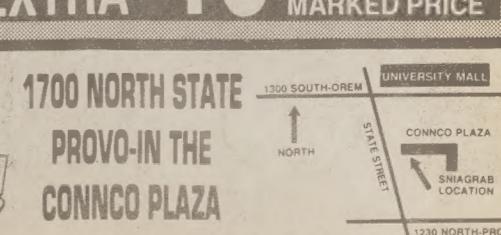
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## LDS Church joins cable network

By TONIA SHARP  
University Staff Writer  
and Associated Press

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints joined forces with 21 other religious denominations to form the cable network VISN, the Vision Interfaith Satellite Network, said Don LeFevre, church spokesman.

Bob Worthington, Cougar Cable program manager, said though the network was formed more than a year and a half ago, VISN broadcasts came to Utah Valley just two weeks ago through Cougar Cable.

VISN is now distributed on 381 cable systems across the nation, some serving several communities and reaching 7 million households, more than double its initial broadcast to 3 million homes one year ago.

Provo viewers can watch VISN up to 16 hours a week on Cougar Cable, said Worthington.

Interest in the formation of the network grew during the height of the televangelist era two or three years ago, said George Baskin, community relations director for Telecommunications Inc., which distributes VISN.

"Television is really the most pow-

erful media tool and a group of religions wanted to find some way to get their message to television," said George Baskin, community relations director for Telecommunications Inc., which distributes the network. "They also became interested in what religion should look like on television."

The main religious denominations had virtually been "left out in the cold" by the profusion of contribution-seeking individual preachers buying commercial time, but the new network is trying to counterbalance that scene.

"Our programs are for faith groups that represent the broad concerns and interests of the American people," said Jeff Weber, the network's executive vice president.

The coalition of religious denominations owning the network includes most major U.S. religions including The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Protestant, Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox and Jewish.

The non-denominational network prohibits proselytizing for particular denominations and soliciting funds. That has been "abused in the past,"

Weber said. "We're not in the business of taking money out of the local church."

A wide variety of values-oriented programs are offered on the network including dramas, magazine-style shows on various issues, problem counseling, selected movies with discussion before and after, religious news and documentaries.

Programs sponsored by the LDS Church include Mormon Tabernacle Choir broadcasts called "Music and the Spoken Word," various conference talks that are broadcast for a program titled "Messages for a Better World," and "Families Are Forever," a talk show hosted by Richard and Linda Eyre that focuses on the family, said LeFevre.

"Initially our involvement was providing programs that we already produced, like some of the BYU productions," LeFevre said. "Now we are able to produce new programming for the network."

The purpose of the network is to "present values in a responsible way," Baskin said. He also said there are a limited amount of cable channels available, so creating a coalition of religions provides equal air time.

## Utah County praised by economist

By MARCI WILCOX  
University Staff Writer

Utah County has the lowest rate of unemployment in the state, said the vice president and chief economist for KeyCorp at a Provo/Orem Chamber of Commerce luncheon Thursday.

"In terms of economy, Utah is doing well and Utah County is doing even better," said Jeff K. Thredgold, who is also an associate professor of finance at the University of Utah.

Thredgold said 33,000 jobs were created in the state during the last 12 months. Utah is ranked third in the nation in terms of percentage increase of jobs.

The jobs were created in the health care, trade and manufacturing industries. However, during 1985-1988, 10,000 construction people were lost, Thredgold said.

He said 1,600 new construction jobs have been filled during the last 12 months with 700 minors contributing to this figure.

Thredgold said 1989 was the best year of the decade in terms of job creation, growth in personal income and retail sales. Personal income has increased by 8 percent, and retail sales in Utah have doubled the national average.

In terms of bankruptcies, business failures in the first nine months of 1989 were 50 percent less than in the first nine months of 1988, Thredgold said.

In the last five years, 40,000 people have moved out of Utah, Thredgold said.

"I make a prediction that out-migration will stop and in-migration will increase," he said.

Thredgold said Utah, especially Provo, has received criticism on low incomes.

"Utah is ranked 48th in the nation per capita," he said.



Official barriers block access to a fire-scarred home in Provo. A 71-year-old woman died when the blaze destroyed her home early Thursday morning.

## Woman dies in house fire; inspector blames smoking

By BROCK STOUT  
University Staff Writer

A 71-year-old woman died in an early morning fire Thursday in her home, said Captain Duane Fraser of the Provo Police Department.

The fire, at 369 East 500 South, was attributed to cigarette smoking, according to Fire Inspector Dennis Moss.

Moss said the house was destroyed

in the blaze and called "a total loss."

He said firefighters received the call at 3:01 a.m., but the fire had been smoldering for several hours. Firefighters remained at the scene until about 8 a.m., he said.

"Apparently a cigarette or hot match was dropped onto the sofa and fell behind it," Moss said.

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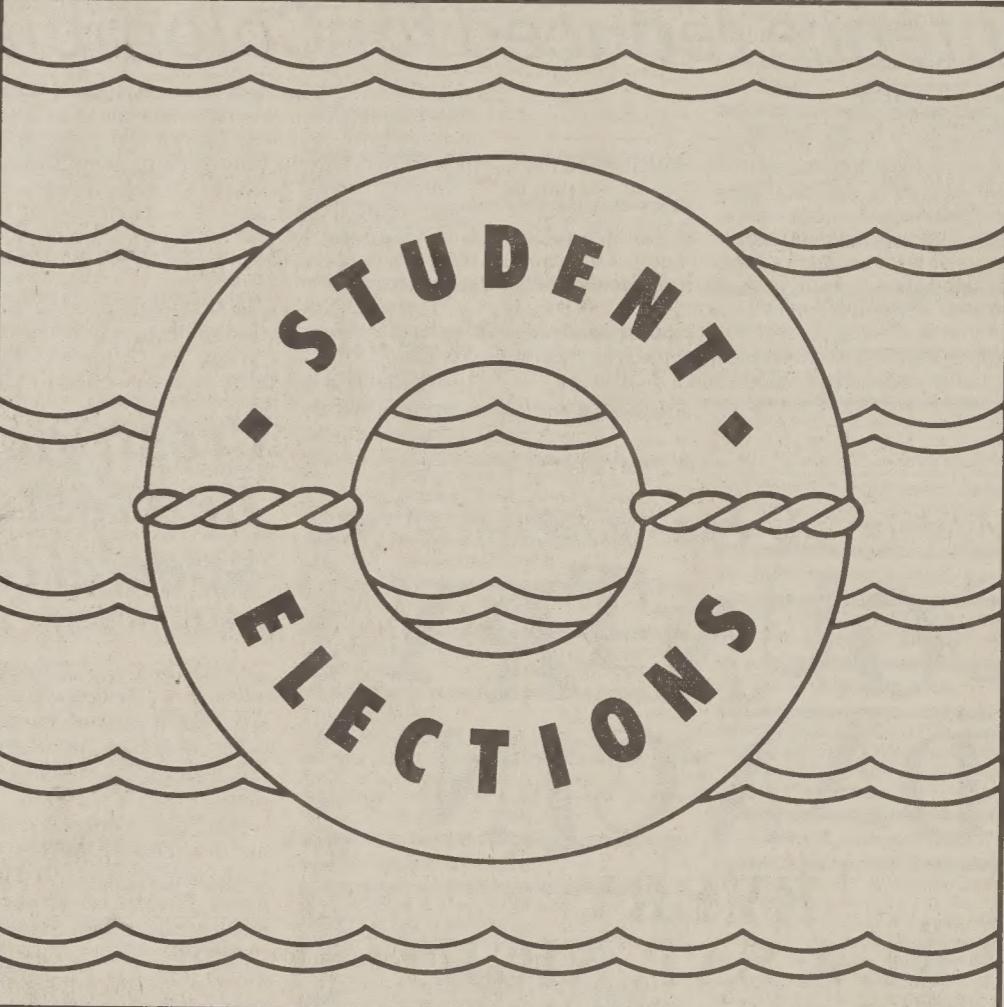
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